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Dr. Thomas E. Weir  
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Dear Dr. Weir:

Please extend my heartiest congratulations to Mr. Edward R. Saunders on the occasion of his sixtieth anniversary as a Mason.

I regret not having the opportunity to have known Mr. Saunders. In reviewing his service with the Agency, I learned that he served as Chief of the Finance Division from September 1947 until April 1951 when he became Comptroller of the Central Intelligence Agency and remained in that position until his retirement on 31 March 1962. He was responsible for the development of some of our more complex accounting procedures as well as the establishment of funding mechanisms which are required to meet our unusual and unique requirements. He gave persistent and selfless attention to furthering the interests and objectives of the Central Intelligence Agency.

CIA budgets were almost always approved by the Congress without 'cuts' - when cuts frequently were the order of the day - due primarily to the care with which Mr. Saunders prepared, presented and administered them. His personal qualifications and professional competence earned him the respect as an individual as well as a representative of the Agency of members of the Congress, the Bureau of the Budget, and virtually everyone throughout the Government community with whom he dealt.

Mr. Saunders' long and distinguished career was recognized in 1962 when he was awarded the Intelligence Medal of Merit for his outstanding services to the Central Intelligence Agency and its predecessors since 1943.

Mr. Saunders' remarkable record of accomplishments and superior performance set a standard of excellence for others to emulate and reflects great credit on himself, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal service.

Sincerely,

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/s/ William J. Casey

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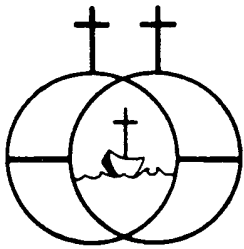
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THOMAS E. WEIR, Ph.D., Director

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December 6, 1985

Mr. William J. Casey, Director  
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Dear Mr. Casey:

On January 11, 1986, at 6:30 at the University of Maryland Adult Education Center in College Park, Maryland, the Masons of Maryland will honor Edward R. Saunders, Sr. on the occasion of his sixtieth anniversary as a Mason. The committee would be most pleased if you and Mrs. Casey could join us for dinner at that time. If, however, your schedule will not permit your attendance, would you be kind enough to send Mr. Saunders a felicitous message? So that the message may be read at the dinner, please address it to him in my care.

As a citizen, Mr. Saunders has served as Mayor of Kensington, Maryland and as Comptroller of the Central Intelligence Agency.

As a churchman, he has been active throughout his life in the Presbyterian Church.

As a Mason, he has served Maryland as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Grand Commander of Knights Templar, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Your kindness in responding will be very much appreciated.

May I take this opportunity, also, to wish you and Mrs. Casey God's blessing at this joyous time and throughout the future?

Sincerely yours,

*Thomas E. Weir*

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